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TOPIC Information on KVP Units in Prenzlau			
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25X1 1. [REDACTED] the KVP unit in Prenzlau had the following ration strengths on 12 and 25 October 1953:

Headquarters and Headquarters Units	12 October	23 October
Division headquarters	88/45	97/36
Soviet advisers	26/8 (drivers)	
Headquarters company	1/63	5/63
Kommando school	9/71	
Chemical defense platoon	1/22	1/23
Motor transport detail	6/64	6/63
Maintenance unit	7/61	7/57
Hospital	1/93	
D-1 unit (signal battalion)	46/457	142
S-4 unit (AT unit)	169	
S-5 unit (AAA unit)	208	
Driving school		191
S-1 unit (motorcycle unit)		141
Headquarters battery		39
Flash- and sound-signal section		46
Bakery company		35

The motorcycle battalion, the headquarters battery, the flash- and sound signal section, and the bakery company moved from Droegeheide to Prenzlau during the period under review.

2d A-Kommando (infantry regiment):

Staff Huonter	49/25	49/30
1st Bn	40/291	38/294
2d Bn	41/234	37/291
3d Bn	43/317	40/326
S-1 unit	5/23	4/31
S-2 "	5/32	5/34
S-3 "	5/46	4/46
S-4 "	4/33	6/37
S-5 "	1/24	1/24
S-6 "	3/40	3/40
S-7 "	5/23	5/23

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Regimental school		16/79
Headquarters platoon		-/10
Motor transport company	5/74	7/56
First aid station	1/12	1/15
Chemical defense detail	-/5	-/6
Military band	2/16	-/12
Supply section		-/9
Tailors and shoemakers	-/14	
Assigned to stock rooms	-/4	-/4
In arrest	-/13	-/19
1st A-Kommando	1,800	
B-Kommando	1,167	
C-Kommando	547	1

2. Between 26 September and 6 October, the KVP unit in Prenzlau was inspected by about 130 officers of the KVP Department of the Ministry of the Interior. The officers stated that the status of training reached by the unit was unsatisfactory.²

3. Between 19 and 25 October, the 2d A-Kommando received another 12 armored personnel carriers. The unit had to transfer part of its motor vehicle equipment to a new division, the headquarters of which was being organized in Potsdam. Some of the units of this headquarters were stationed in Oranienburg. The division involved was allegedly stationed in Berlin.³

4. [redacted] officers of the KVP unit in Prenzlau were soon to be transferred to Saxony and Thuringia for the organization of further KVP recruiting offices. [redacted] the recruiting campaign for the KVP was in full swing particularly in Saxony.⁴

1. [redacted] Comment. The total strength of Bereitschaft Prenzlau is estimated at about 7,000 men on the basis of these data. This indicates that the strength of the unit has hardly changed since late August. [redacted] not report the figures on the strength of the 3d A-Kommando in Droegeheide and of the engineer battalion. It is furthermore pointed out that the ration strength figures reported are subject to great fluctuations and that the error in estimate resulting from these fluctuations may amount to up to 1,000 men. As compared with the status of late August, the Tank SF Kommando (C-Kommando) has about 120 fewer personnel. There is a possibility that this Kommando transferred personnel to the new Mechanized Bereitschaft in Potsdam. [redacted]

[redacted] The tank SF regiment of deactivated Bereitschaft Prora has also transferred troops to Bereitschaft Potsdam, i.e. to Oranienburg where a tank unit has been activated. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. Information on inspections held during the reported period was furnished also [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. The new armored personnel carriers arrived from the USSR via Oranienburg. [redacted]

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